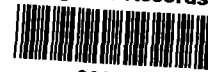




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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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VIA FACSIMILE (314) 567-0602
AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Rich Miller
HBE Corporation
11330 Olive Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63141

RE: 319 East Illinois, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Miller:

On March 8, 2001, a citizen living adjacent to 319 East Illinois made the following inquiry about the above-referenced property:

Planters currently on the parking lot are filled with soil that was on your property, that is, during the era of 319 East Illinois being considered for development as a Dance theater, and subsequently when it was paved as a parking lot. The implication is that, if there was radiological contamination on the property, it may have been deposited in the planters.

Please send me a written reply within 30 days of receipt of this letter detailing the source of the soil placed in the planters, and more specifically if any soil originally located at 319 East Illinois was placed in these planters. If you would like to discuss this matter further, you may contact me at (312) 886-3601, or direct any legal questions to Mary Fulghum, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-4683.

Sincerely,

Verneta Simon
On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Naren Prasad, City of Chicago - Department of Environment

bcc: Mary Fulghum C-14J
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